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THIRD SHIP IN HER ELEMENT.

The giant steel freighter Vanada, constructed at the plant of the Virginia Shipbuilding Corporation, was committed to the Potomac early this afternoon in the presence of a large gathering of Alexandrians, Washingtonians, and people residing in the surrounding country. While the area constituting the plant was thickly crowded, there were large in some cases housetops werd utililized as vantage points.

The Vanada is the third ship which has been launched at this place in less than four months. A fourth (the Carratunk) will follow in a short time. The Boshbish will soon be in her wake, and during the n'ext three weeks the Chancock will be consigned to her element. The keel for the Bellyhoc (the seventh of the fleet) will be laid Monday.

As was stated a few weeks ago, when the Betsy Bell was launched. that these modern steel steamers will hail from Alexandria, and carry the name of their home port .to the antipodes.

While the gathering today was large, the uncertain weather conditions kept some away from the scene who would otherwise have been present.

QUESTION OF SANITY

During the trial of a man for murder in Alexandria many years ago the defense put alienists on the stand for the purpose of making it ponsible at the time he assassinated a man in the street. Among other things, the alienist said the fact that a person shed tears indicates he or she is crazy. One of the counsel for the prosecution asked the witness if all children were crazy, as all, at times, dry; also if Simon Peter was crazy when he shed tears upon realizing that ho had denied his Lord and Master.

That questions of criminals' sanity should not be brought forward during a criminal trial, was the idea proposed vesterday by Dr. C. F. Mc-Donald, of New York, eminent psycihatrist, before the American Medico-Psychological Association, which bought its three day session in Philadelphia to an end last night.

Instead, the jury, according to Dr McDonald, should simply be asked to pass upon the facts in the case and decide whether or not the prisoner actually had committed the crime. Under a verdict of guilty, a jury of alienists should be called in to pass upon the "sanity plea." should such a plea be made, and the findings reported to the court, which then would be in better shape to impose sentence.

"Had this method been followed," said he, "the Thaw case would have been disposed of in a few hours."

Dr. McDonald declared and deplored the fact in declaring it, that alienists of recent years had become objects of ridicule as a result of testifying in court upon questions of sanity. To this ridicule, he said, there had been added scorn and suspicien-hot only by the public; but by the bar and the bench into the bargain. He urged that the English verdict of "guilty, but insane" be legalized in America. where the verdict of "not guilty"

He declared also that alienists for use in such cases should be paid by the State, and he urged that it was absurd to call upon counts of law to administer "Divine justice."

Dr. McDonald's stand upon the question of "guilty, but insane," was supported by a number of psychologists.

THE LONGEST DAY.

Today, June 21st, is supposed to be the longest in the year. Our planet is now in appelion, that is at its fartherest point from the sun, approximately ninety-three million miles. On December 21st the earth will be in perihelion, its nearest approach, the orb then being about ninety million miles from the day;

Our storm-tossed earth has made its orbit of six hundred million miles since June 21st, 1918. In order to accomplish this celestian journey it has been traveling through space at the rate of seventeen or eighteen miles a secondthink of it!

We read of the marvelous speed of airships. Some would hail with an opportunity to sail amon'g the -gatherings on neighboring hills and clouds at a great velocity. But when we consider the fact that we are passengers on a planet which is passing through space at the speed of seventeen or eighteen miles a second, th space covered by an airplane in a hour is insignificant.

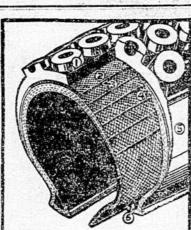
The poem of Joseph Addison on the worders of the heavens was one of the selections in the old "English Reader," a text book of our greatgrandfathers. It is jewel, although seldom read in this day of hurry and thoughtfulness.

The following is the last verse: What though in solemn silence all Move round this dark terrestrial ball; What though no real voice nor sound Amidst their radiant orbs be found; In reason's ear they all rejoice, And utter forth a glorious voice; erever singing, as they shine,

The hand that made us is divine." THE COST OF DELAY

The suggestion that the time to have written the peace treaty was November, not June, is often repeated by people who have grown tired of the slow procedure of the Peace Conference. The New York Tribune says "the terms should have been presented on the heels of the armistice. Costly is the blunder slation to embody in the peace a sosclution of all sorts of complicated and delaying problems.

"Germany has been served by the



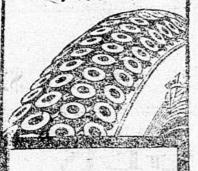
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"When parleys are long drawn out they are likely to effect littlewitness the Treaty of Ghent and the Peace of Vienna."

ITALY ANGERED

Cabinet Resigns When Deputies Re-

fuse Vote of Confidence Rome, June 21 .- Premier Orlando announced yesterday that his cabinet had tendered its resignation to King Victor Emmanuel, who had reserved

The statement was made after the Chamber of Deputies had rejected, 250 to 78, the premier's action for the chamber to convene in secret. session to consider a vote of con-

Before Orlando asked for a secret session he spoke at length on the ir ernational and internal situation. His speech was adversely received. He was often - interrupted by uprear's which compelled him to cease speaking. When he suggested a sceret session every political group icined in a hostile demonstration. Mony deputies left the chamber.

Never during the war have naions in general, and Italy in particular, traversed such dark days," said Orlando. "Italy has not refreed to collaborate in the solution offered by the peace delegates of other nations, but she remains firm in the claim which the allies indorsed when she entered the war."

JURY FAILS TO AGREE

Twelve Men Were Divided, Five Standing for Conviction and Seven for Acquittal

Petersburg, Va., June 21.- The enze of A. J. McKenney, whose trial for the alleged murder of Hermen Hoffman on the night of the first day of last March, resulted in a lung jury. The case has been on

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upon the grounds of insantly," was postponements, by the speechmak- trial in the Circuic Court of Din- deavor to furnish the bail tomorings, by inevitable wranglings. The widdle County, Judges Robert C. motive was doubtless noble, but for- Southall, presiding, for the past

ior acquittal.

when the judy was brought into court and the ferenian stated that they were wide y apart as to the

McKenney came near collapsing

.ef. at once mage a motion for bail, is too great for violation of the which was granted by Judge South- Texas prohibition laws. The opinall in the sum of \$5900. McKenney ion of the lower courts was reversed was unable to furnish the amount and was remanded back to jail, sentenced in lower courts for life for counsel stating that they would en- alleged whisky sales.

all during the trial, the result of which was a severe blow to her ,and The jury reported to the cour! her parting with her husband, whose Thursday afternoon that it was 'im- | innocence she has maintained ever possible for them to agree. They since his arrest, was a touching and stood five for conviction and seven sad one, as she confidently expected his acquittal.

PENALTY TOO SEVERE

The Court of Criminal Appeals at rdiet and bak to be discharged. Austin, Texas, yesterday ruled that P. H. Mann counsel for McKec- a life sentence in the penitentiary in the case of Mrs. S. E. Brittain

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